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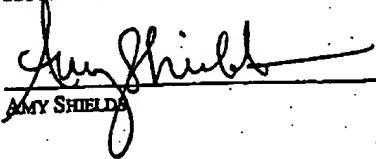
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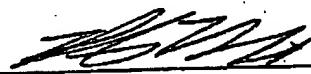
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Sir:

Applicant petitions for a 1-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action, extending the period for response to January 23, 2004.

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